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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICAN CRUISE

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD M. MOOSE TO SECRETARY OF
THE NAVY W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR JR.

1. AS THE NAVAL TASK FORCE DEPARTS AFRICA TO CROSS THE
ATLANTIC TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING PORTION OF THEIR MISSION
LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE AFRICAN
PORTION OF THEIR CRUISE.

2. WITHOUT EXCEPTION ALL THE EMBASSIES REPORT THE TRE-
MENDOUS SUCCESSES THAT WERE ACHIEVED DURING THE TASK
FORCE'S VISITS TO THE EIGHT AFRICAN NATIONS. SUCH A HIGH
DEGREE OF SUCCESS COULD MOST CERTAINLY NOT HAVE BEEN
ACHIEVED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE DETAILED PLANNING AND FOR
THE FLAWLESS EXECUTION BY THIS NAVY/MARINE TEAM.

3. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SINGLE OUT ANY ONE UNIT FOR
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AS THE VARIOUS UNIQUE ELEMENTS THAT
MADE UP THE TASK FORCE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THEIR
OWN WAY TO MISSION SUCCESS; HOWEVER IT WILL BE THE INDI-
VIDUAL MARINES AND SAILORS WHO ACTED SO SPLENDIDLY AS
AMERICAN AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL WHOM THE AFRICANS

WILL REMEMBER.

4. AS A RESULT OF THIS SUCCESSFUL CRUISE OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES VISITED WILL BE ON
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FIRMER GROUND. PLEASE PASS TO REAR ADMIRAL SAGERHOLM,
HIS COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND TO THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS
AND MEN OF THE TASK FORCE, WELL DONE. VANCE

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